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SUBJ: ELECTION OF OAS SECRETARY GENERAL

REFS: (A) STATE 63956 (B) STATE 65408

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, PANAMA IS OPPOSED TO BOTH
"OFFICIAL" CANDIDATES AND HAS ANNOUNCED FOR ARGENTINE.
ASSUMING GOA OFFERS ORFILA CANDIDACY, PANAMANIAN VOTE APPEARS
FIRM.

2. AS RECENTLY AS HIS MARCH 23 PRESS CONFERENCE, GENERAL
TORRIJOS RECONFIRMED GOP'S COMMITMENT TO ARGENTINA.
RESPONDING TO A PERUVIAN NEWSMAN'S QUERY CONCERNING GARCIA
BEDOYA'S CANDIDACY, TORRIJOS HAD KIND WORDS FOR THE PERUVIAN
BUT DID NOT WAIVER IN EXPRESSING PANAMA'S COMMITMENT TO ORFILA.

3. WITH REGARD TO REF B, IN SUCH FURTHER CONVERSATIONS AS
WE MIGHT HAVE ON MATTER, WILL TAKE CARE NOT TO RAISE
POSSIBILITY OF A SAPENA PASTOR WITHDRAWAL.
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